

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee Meeting**  
**6-8PM on May 6, 2025**  
**Hybrid Meeting**  
**WSU Classroom (97 Oak Bay Rd)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Present:**

Troy McKelvey, Recreation  
Carol Hasse, ex officio, Port of Port Townsend  
Bryan DeCaterina, Env/Conserv Alt  
Timothy Behrenfeld, District 1 Alt  
Neil Harrington, Tribal  
Betsy Carlson, Envir/Conserv, Chair  
Jon Waggoner – Marine Science Alt  
Emily Buckner, Marine Science, Vice Chair  
Gordon King, Commercial  
Brad Bebout, District 1  
Tim Cross, District 3 Alt  
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt  
Janette Mestre, District 1  
Sarah Fiskien, District 3, NWSC Alt  
Heidi Eisenhour, ex officio, BoCC  
Akeyla Behrenfeld, Local Youth Representative  
Tonya Cole, Meeting Recorder

**Absent:**

Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWSC Rep  
Brenda Johnson, District 2  
Roy Clark, Recreation Alt

**Via Zoom**

None

**PUBLIC**

Angela Glore  
Coordinator Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network

**Staff:** Katie Kowal – Water Resources Program Coordinator  
Jefferson County MRC/WSU Extension

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Chair Betsy Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Introductions were made.	A quorum was present.	All members – please send volunteer hours to Katie.
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA  APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><b>Amendments to / Approval of Agenda</b></p> <p>ADMIN UPDATES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Betsy noted that next month, she would like to add discussion of Scientific Advisory Committee and which projects the MRC wants to recommend.</li> <li>Katie thinks that the grant proposal deadline is before the next meeting. Betsy says it might be worth a discussion if it comes up again.</li> <li>Tim will be talking about ROV project a little earlier. He and Akeyla need to leave early.</li> </ul> <p><b>Amendments to / Approval of Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GORDON – QUILCENE MARINA (April min, pg 4, under “Other Projects...”). He wasn’t clear if the MRC is doing Forage Fish sampling there. Frank &amp; Sarah confirmed that they are sampling right in front of the Yacht Club.</li> </ul>	<p>Janette moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Neil. Motion passed.</p> <p>Gordon moved to approve the March minutes w/ amendments. Seconded by Troy. Motion passed.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BETSY noted: (2<sup>nd</sup> pg, under PORT Updates, last paragraph.)</li> <li>Correct BioChart to be BioChar (no 'T') to <u>catch &amp; purify</u> stormwater (not to <u>track</u> stormwater).</li> <li>Carol asked Matt Klontz - Stormwater should be wrapped up in July.</li> <li>June Molt Surge is on June 1<sup>st</sup>, not 14<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Jon Waggoner noted that there is no H in his name.</li> </ul>		
PUBLIC COMMENT Angela Glore	<p>Angela, Coordinator for Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network: Puget Sound Partnership is opening an RFP for Neighborhood Stormwater Grants.</p> <p>She sees Rain Gardens mentioned a lot. Please let her know if interested. If MRC project isn't big enough, they might be able to do something regionally.</p> <p>Thursday, Puget Sound Partnership meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whidbey Island</li> <li>Focus on Shoreline Armoring Policy and practices</li> <li>Working on next Four-Year Action Plan around armored shorelines.</li> <li>Pulling together a group from this region to set priorities.</li> <li>Will be on TV-W available to stream</li> </ul>		
GUEST SPEAKER	No guest speaker at this meeting		
PORT of PT UPDATES	<p><b>Port of PT UPDATES</b> (Commissioner Carol Hasse)</p> <p>Nice article in <i>Peninsula Daily News</i> about the MRC</p> <p>Carol thanked PT Marine Science Center for their letters for the Americorp program volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port is getting the 300 ton Variable Width Travel lift</li> <li>Goes from 23.5' to 35' wide, 4WD. It's bigger than anything else in the area</li> <li>This is so they can get bigger boats out of the water.</li> <li>They also have a 75-ton Variable Width Electric Travel Lift</li> <li>It's coming in pieces and will be assembled by end of May</li> <li>Port will be closed to thru traffic May, June &amp; July for completing the stormwater system</li> <li>Carol said there will still be access to the boat ramp.</li> <li>PUD will begin removing Poplars on Sims Way at end of May</li> <li>Poplars convey electrical current into the boatyard and is a danger to people who work there.</li> <li>She is hoping to see native species in the replacements</li> </ul> <p>STATE BUDGET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$309,000 to replace old boilers with heat pumps and better insulation.</li> <li>\$1 million for winterization &amp; roofing</li> <li>\$1.3 million for the 75-ton Variable Width Electric Travel Lift</li> <li>\$500,000 for boatyard expansion &amp; design moving out towards bluff, stormwater system is designed to handle that.</li> </ul> <p>NEW MARITIME BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Sound Maritime Naval Architects from Bainbridge Island are in Carol's old sail loft.</li> </ul> <p>Reported last month the Port lost some grant funding. FEMA still has flood management and mitigation protection. Hoping for those grants to come through to shore up the Boat Haven.</p> <p>AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North of Jefferson Transit</li> <li>90% design completion for 24 acres, includes road, power and water to be completed by the end of 2025.</li> <li>Port also purchased another 43 acres</li> <li>These were all State Dept of Commerce</li> </ul>		

	<p>Businesses coming to the Airport Business Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PT Foundry</li> <li>• Rainshadow Wood Works</li> <li>• Ednsaw</li> <li>• Home to the new timber fall</li> </ul> <p>Gordon: Why are we decentralizing industrial development in the County?</p> <p>Carol: There really isn't more space where they are. It's tied into transit, the PUD offices, the airport. Potentially there could be more transportation there. The only other option is Glen Cove, but Port doesn't own it.</p> <p>Gordon: It's interesting that the Port is getting into industrial projects that aren't really related to the Port.</p> <p>Carol: The Port does economic development. The only place they can do that is on land that they own.</p> <p>Bryan DeC: What are the concrete things between Larry Scott Trail &amp; Boatyard...Is that for stormwater?</p> <p>Carol: Those are tanks for stormwater. They are open at the bottom.</p>		
BoCC UPDATE	<p><b>BoCC UPDATE</b> (Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour)</p> <p>2025 will be a very active year with a lot of public input and updates to the Comp Plan.</p> <p>SHORELINE MASTER PLAN UPDATE: There have been so many complicated projects in Jefferson County that SMP has been pushed to the end of June for the review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We've made this agreement with DOE</li> <li>• Review by County then a review by DOE</li> <li>• Taking longer than anyone expected, but DOE finally has it.</li> </ul> <p>Josh Peters has a new role as County Administrator, so the Dept of Community Development Director position is open.</p> <p>Heidi said she was glad to see Angela at tonight's meeting. Heidi emphasized that the meetings are great, that a lot of sharing happens. She finds it very inspiring and encouraged people to participate.</p> <p>The geography of the Strait ERN is the whole Redland Peninsula and very little of NW Jefferson County/ West of Discovery Bay area. It's primarily Clallam County and she finds that "cross pollination" very valuable.</p> <p>Puget Sound Partnership...these local integrating organizations (LIO's) were intended to bring a local voice into the PSP process. The Straits and Ern have been around for about fifteen years. She find the meetings to have very interesting conversations.</p> <p>Gordon asked to clarify if the attendees were the tribes, municipalities and public. "So everyone isn't saying the same thing."</p> <p>Heidi confirmed that they discuss cross jurisdictional restoration projects, issues that affect Clallam and Jefferson counties.</p> <p>They are working on the next meeting (may be at the end of May), but not confirmed yet. The meetings are usually at Red Cedar Hall in Blyn, 10:00 am – 1:00pm. Please check the <a href="#">StraitERN Meetings page</a> to see meeting schedule.</p>		
RECENT MEETING REPORTS AND ISSUE UPDATES	<p><b>NWSC MEETING UPDATE</b> (Sarah)</p> <p>NW STRAITS INITIATIVE REAUTHORIZATION BILL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reintroduced by Senator Murray and Rep. Larson</li> <li>• Senator Cantwell and Rep Randall are co-sponsors</li> </ul> <p>May 30<sup>th</sup> NWSC meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dungeness River Nature Center, Sequim</li> <li>• Contact Caitlyn Blair to register to attend</li> </ul>		

	<p><b>Tentative:</b>  SENATOR PATTY MURRAY MAY BE COMING TO THE PENINSULA 5/27 – 29<sup>TH</sup> (during that week).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Betsy said it could be an opportunity to present some of the MRC projects.</li> <li>Lucas Hart (NWSC) suggested meeting at the Maritime Center</li> <li>Potential to show Senator Murray the Eelgrass Protection Zone, discuss potential ROV project, and Storm Surge</li> <li>Betsy noted that the tide is very low at that time of day during that week.</li> </ul> <p>POSSIBILITIES FOR THE VISIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View Rain Gardens at the Maritime Center.</li> <li>When they drive by Discovery Bay, view some of the areas with shell.</li> <li>Neil agreed and said it was very “doable” if they are headed to Clallam county.</li> <li>Betsy noted that even though we don’t know her schedule we want to be nimble and prepared to discuss key projects</li> <li>Betsy was told 5/27 or 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Katie asked around the room who would be available to discuss their projects and said she would put together a tentative agenda</li> <li>Betsy noted that we need to get confirmation from Lucas first before we spend a lot of time on it.</li> <li>Neil: It’s very helpful to have a one-pager available—very simple with the facts. Jon W said like a baseball card</li> <li>Janette noted that the Rain Garden at the Maritime Center was just cleaned up in case they see it.</li> </ul> <p>ROV/CRAB POTS (Tim B.)  Tim changed classification of ROV Crab Pot project to a subcommittee project instead of a grant project for the next two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They are gathering a group of people interested in building and funding an ROV.</li> <li>Tim has access to about \$12k of ROV parts through the highschool. The idea is to make one that the students maintain and the MRC or other groups can use it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>300 ft cable</li> <li>2-3 knots</li> <li>Sonar</li> </ul> </li> <li>He is working to see who would be interested</li> <li>They will work on it in the High School manufacturing shop.</li> <li>Interested in building intergenerational collaboration with the project.</li> <li>A few questions to sort out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insurance</li> <li>Where does it live? High school?</li> </ul> </li> <li>This could be a fund raiser for Robotics</li> </ul> <p>Tim mentioned that he heard that the Maritime Center has a donated ROV, Heidi confirmed. The ROV is in Duwamish River, King County.</p>		
ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES	<p><b>Administrative Updates (Katie)</b></p> <p>PRESENTATION TO BOCC – FOLLOW UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bryan, Betsy &amp; Katie attended.</li> <li>Showed highlights of their presentation</li> <li>Reviewed 2024 funding</li> <li>Logged 2246 hours of volunteer time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$34.87/hr - Worth \$78,318</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reviewed 2024 volunteer hours by activity</li> </ul> <p>REVIEWED THE SLIDES OF MRC’S PROJECTS:</p> <p>Participatory Science Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forage Fish</li> <li>Bull Kelp</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storm Surge</li> </ul> <p>Education &amp; Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational Workshops</li> <li>• Community Events</li> </ul> <p>Restoration &amp; Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eelgrass No-Anchor Zones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Voluntary Eelgrass Protection Zone</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Olympia Oyster Restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ North &amp; South powerlines site</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rain Gardens</li> <li>• ROV Derelict Crap Pot Removal</li> </ul> <p>2025 Current Projects &amp; Efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing existing projects</li> <li>• Developing new projects/efforts</li> <li>• Hiring part-time MRC support staff</li> <li>• Funding</li> </ul> <p>Showed a slide with many positive testimonials from participants</p> <p>The MRC was also written up in the <i>Peninsula Daily News</i></p> <p>PART TIME STAFF MEMBER</p> <p>Betsy noted that the committee has already approved the hiring of a part time staff member for 2026-27. She asked if everyone was still on board and invited comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gordon: Will WSU have to be consulted on this? Would this person be a WSU employee?</li> <li>• Katie: WSU is on board.</li> <li>• Neil asked about the hiring process.</li> <li>• Katie answered that it's been a lot of effort to figure out all the work that is needed.</li> <li>• Gordon: We want the person as long as possible?</li> <li>• Katie answered yes, it's easier to have things steady and not need to look for a new person.</li> <li>• Betsy confirmed with Katie that Katie would like to have this happen.</li> <li>• Gordon confirmed that the money was there.</li> </ul> <p>MAY 28-31<sup>ST</sup>, ROV CRAB POT EVENT (Tim B.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tim needs an MRC person on the boat ( Ben Griner's boat) and asked if anyone was interested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Jon W. volunteered</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Katie noted that someone on the boat needs to be on the Scientific Collection Permit.</li> <li>• Betsy commented that this overlaps with the tentative dates of Senator Patty Murray's visit.</li> </ul> <p>BUDGET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Betsy thanked the committee leads for their contributions on compiling this. Katie also thanked everyone for being helpful in the meetings preparing for the budget.</li> <li>• Project activities &amp; plans all stay the same.</li> <li>• Before moving to the budget, Katie asked if there were any comments on projects or activities on the projects?</li> <li>• There were no questions.</li> </ul> <p>OCT 2025 – DEC 2027 PROJECT &amp; BUDGET PROPOSAL REVIEW (Katie)</p> <p>Project overview sheet was distributed. Katie explained the format briefly and gave everyone a minute to review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no questions.</li> <li>• Betsy noted that these are just the grant-funded projects. There are other projects that we do but not all are grant-funded.</li> </ul>	<p>Neil made a motion to hire an Administrative Assistant within MRC's budgetary parameters. Sarah seconded the motion.</p>	
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	<p>Katie referred to the middle page that contained a detailed breakdown of the budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All budgets were compiled with project leads indicating their needs and the year needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1: \$14,000 that we won't be taking</li> <li>Year 2: \$400</li> </ul> </li> <li>Katie asked if anyone had a project to use that surplus funding for? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the breakdown that Katie sends to NWSC, DOE and the County budget. NWSC looks at this as project based, so funds can move between categories.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Neil said he may be interested in funding. It's a possibility</li> <li>Katie and Sasha will discuss best course of action and finalize numbers at end of August.</li> </ul> <p>OGTP Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 - \$7500 unallocated</li> <li>Year 2 - \$1000 unallocated</li> <li>Education &amp; Outreach <b>OR</b> Rain Gardens (2 different categories)</li> </ul> <p>RAIN GARDENS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katie said you can only buy tangible things and you must have them in hand.</li> <li>Neil wondered about using the funds to hire a landscaper for the Rain Gardens. Janette and Katie said funds are budgeted for that.</li> <li>Neil asked about \$\$ to install RG's</li> <li>Jeannette said not at this time. She would rather keep the RG's steady for the next couple of years. She said that the Quilcene Rain Gardens needs a lot work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeanette noted that \$7000 would not be enough to hire someone to clean up the Quilcene RG.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Katie wondered about hiring a contractor to market the RG's and recruit people to be long term RG stewards.</li> <li>Betsy asked if Marketing could be added to the Assistant position? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katie said it could, but it may need more time than the Assistant position would have. Jeanette said an outside contractor should do it.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Frank asked about partnering with Master Gardeners on the RG's.</li> <li>Jeanette said they are partnering with the MG's. They send out emails and typically get about three volunteers.</li> <li>Jeanette: everything has died in Quilcene...they could up the supplies with the funds. \$7000 isn't enough to create a new RG.</li> <li>Everyone agreed to manage the RG's we have...not to create new ones. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neil noted that the City has donated the tractor work, etc. in the past.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Emily suggested that it would be best to hire a consultant to do a rebranding on the Adopt a Rain Garden initiative</li> </ul>		
GRANT PROJECT UPDATES	<p>FORAGE FISH (Sarah)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampled last weekend at Dabob &amp; Quilcene</li> </ul> <p>OLYMPIA OYSTERS (Neil) Discovery Bay &amp; Killisut Harbor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On boat on 24<sup>th</sup>, with Julietta &amp; Reed from WDFW</li> <li>Delivered another 1000 bags of shell at Discovery Bay Powerlines site</li> <li>There was a lot of wind, but it was successful.</li> <li>Shell spread event</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am</li> <li>Katie sent out an email to sign up.</li> </ul> <p>Neil and Bryan doing an Eelgrass survey in June for permitting</p> <p>Neil is meeting with Port Ludlow resident next Tuesday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They will walk on beach and see if there is suitable habitat for an Olympia Oyster restoration project in Port Ludlow.</li> <li>Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. 11:30 am</li> </ul> <p>BULL KELP KAYAK MONITORING (Emily)</p> <p>KELP KAYAK KICKOFF</p> <p>Tuesday, May 14, 1pm-4pm at WSU Classroom</p> <p>UNDERSTANDING UNDERWATER FORESTS presentation at Public Library</p> <p>Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This area is now a State Marine Forest</li> <li>Folks from NWSCC &amp; PS Restoration Fund will talk on the Buoy at North Beach</li> <li>What's the project, what the buoy is doing</li> <li>research at north beach</li> <li>Opportunity to connect with public about their efforts and get more volunteers.</li> <li>KPTZ, The Leader, Local 2020, lots of places</li> <li>Emily has been posting flyers around town.</li> <li>They will be at the Uptown after the event</li> </ul> <p>NO ANCHOR ZONE BUOYS</p> <p>EELGRASS BUOYS (Gordon &amp; Troy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They put out buoys last weekend.</li> <li>One was missing, so they will need to go back out.</li> </ul> <p>RAIN GARDENS (Janette)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RG clean up parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 23<sup>rd</sup> Lincoln &amp; Adams</li> <li>June 7<sup>th</sup> Garfield &amp; Adams</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>ROV CRAB POTS (Jeff, Tim B.) <i>see above</i></p> <p>EDUCATION &amp; OUTREACH (Sarah, Brenda, Betsy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They will be reviewing inventory material, and see what they need</li> </ul> <p>WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL (Betsy)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They need to be lined up soon, she is looking closer at that this week</li> <li>Jon W. said he may have contacts if she needs additional speakers. Betsy said she may contact him.</li> </ul> <p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p><b>Digging for Dinner</b> May 18, 1:00 pm-4:30 pm Quilcene</p> <p><b>Crabber Outreach: Catch More Crab</b> June 25, 6pm-8pm</p> <p><b>Shrimp Fest</b> June 21, 9am-6pm - JCMRC at <a href="#">Shrimpfest</a> (Fjord Fest) 6:00 PM Street dance Need Volunteers- 4 minimum, max. 6, min. 2</p> <p><b>OTHER MRC PROJECTS</b></p> <p>DEI UPDATES (Emily)</p> <p>YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE POSITION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The position is open.</li> <li>Emily talked about it at the Maritime Career Fair, a couple folks were potentially interested. She has more flyers if anyone wants them.</li> </ul>		
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	<p><b>GOALS FOR MRC MEETINGS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily had everyone complete a slido.com survey about the primary goals of MRC monthly meetings.</li> <li>Below are the voting results.</li> </ul> <div> <p><b>What do you see as the primary goal of MRC monthly meetings? (rank answers below)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinating/discussing MRC projects <div><div></div></div></li> <li>Discussing local marine resource issues and advising/providing feedback to county officials <div><div></div></div></li> <li>Building awareness/educating MRC members &amp; the public about local marine resource issues <div><div></div></div></li> <li>Learning from the community about local marine resource issues <div><div></div></div></li> <li>Other <div><div></div></div></li> </ol> </div> <p><b>Write in question:</b> What is your favorite part of the monthly MRC meeting?</p> <div> <p><b>What would be your ideal set up for how MRC monthly meetings are held? (select one)</b></p> <p>In-person only (rotating locations throughout county) <div><div></div> 42%</div></p> <p>Hybrid (in-person location does not change to ensure better virtual set up) <div><div></div> 42%</div></p> <p>Alternating virtual only and in-person only meetings <div><div></div> 8%</div></p> <p>Other <div><div></div> 8%</div></p> </div> <p>Emily thanked everyone for doing the survey and said that her and Neil will use this information to move forward with a plan and recommendations to bring to our meetings.</p> <p><b>MOLT SEARCH CRAB PROTOCOL CLASSES</b> Learn how to identify crabs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am at WSU classroom</li> <li>June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm Marine Science Center Aquarium Classroom at the Pier</li> </ul>		
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p><b>Public Comments</b> None</p>		
MRC ROUND TABLE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p><b>Future Agenda Topics / Speaker Suggestion</b></p>		
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 8:02. Next meeting will be June 3rd</p>	<p>Bryan on moved to adjourn, seconded by Janette. Motion passed.</p>	